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Serial No. 09/470,428	Filing Date December 22, 1999	Examiner To Be Assigned	Case No. 8864/8
Inventor(s) Griffith D. Neal		Group Art Unit 2754	
Title of Invention High Speed Spindle Motor For Disc Drive			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, copies of references D1 to D27 and return post card.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Griffith D. Neal

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Filing Date: December 22, 1999

For HIGH SPEED SPINDLE MOTOR
FOR DISC DRIVE

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) Examiner: To Be Assigned

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) Group Art Unit: 2754
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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed.

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
4,128,527	12/05/78	Kinjo et al.
4,352,897	10/05/82	Ogata et al.
4,387,311	06/07/83	Kobayashi et al.
4,679,313	07/14/87	Schultz et al.
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DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
05336722	12/17/93	Japan
10070870	03/10/98	Japan
11082508	03/26/99	Japan

Most of the U.S. patent references were recently cited in co-pending U.S. applications and the Japanese references and one U.S. patent were recently cited in an official communication received for a corresponding PCT application, a copy of which is enclosed. Most of the references are in English. For those that are not, an English language abstract is also enclosed. The search report, abstract and any drawings provide an explanation of the relevance of the non-English references to the best understanding of the Applicant and his attorney.

Applicant also notes that he is an inventor on the following pending U.S. patent applications, which are to be made of record.

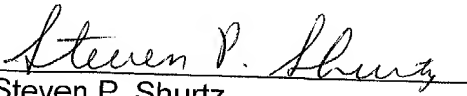
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22-Dec-1999	09/470,432
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22-Dec-1999	09/470,433
22-Dec-1999	09/470,425
22-Dec-1999	09/470,426
22-Dec-1999	09/470,424
15-Dec-2000	09/738,268

All of the above listed applications that were filed on December 22, 1999 have a nearly identical specification (text and drawings) as compared to the present case. Therefore, copies of those specifications are not attached. However, copies of the claims from these applications, with the serial number and filing date identified on the top of each page, and a copy of the specification and claims for Serial No. 09/738,268 are enclosed.

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and, therefore, no fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, should there be any fees deemed necessary under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

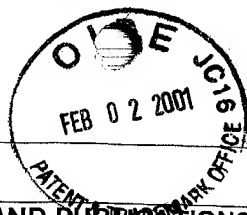
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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (use several sheets if necessary)	FILING DATE December 22, 1999	GROUP ART UNIT 2754
	APPLICANT(S): Griffith D. Neal	

REFERENCE DESIGNATION		U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
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	D14	05336722	12/17/93	Japan		Abstract
	D15	10070870	03/10/98	Japan		Abstract
	D16	11082508	03/26/99	Japan		Abstract

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	Filing Date	Serial No.	
	D17 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,432	copy of claims enclosed
	D18 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,434	copy of claims enclosed
	D19 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,430	copy of claims enclosed
	D20 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,429	copy of claims enclosed
	D21 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,427	copy of claims enclosed
	D22 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,431	copy of claims enclosed
	D23 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,433	copy of claims enclosed
	D24 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,425	copy of claims enclosed
	D25 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,426	copy of claims enclosed
	D26 Dec. 22, 1999	09/470,424	copy of claims enclosed
	D27 Dec. 15, 2000	09/738,268	copy of application as originally filed enclosed

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